

The Chain of Light

Tazkira Masha'ikh-e-Qaadiriyah Razviyah



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His Position In The Silsila : Siraajus Saalikeen, Noorul Aarifeen, Shaykh-e-Tariqat, Aalim-e-Shariat Hazrat Sayyid Ash Shah Abul Hussain Ahmad-e-Noori رحمۃ اللہ علیہ is the thirty eight Imam and Shaykh of the Silsila Aaliyah Qadiriyyah Barakaatiyah Razviyah Nooriyah.

Birth : He was born on the 19th of Shawwal 1255 Hijri (26th December 1839) on a Thursday in Marehrah Shareef.

Name : His name is Sayyid Abul Hussain Ahmad Noori رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.

His Father : His Blessed father was Hazrat Sayyid Shah Zahoor Hassan Marehrwi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.

Family History : On his father's side, his family is Hussaini Zaidi Sayyids from Bilgiraam and from his mother's side, his mother is in the family of Hazrat Sayyid Muhammad Sughra Bilgiraami رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.

His Features : He was of medium height, but he looked taller than everyone around him. He was tan in complexion, had a firm head on strong shoulders. His forehead was very wide. His eyebrows were not very thick. His eyelashes were full, his eyes big and glowing. He had very white and beautiful teeth, a very broad chest, small fingers, broad stomach with a thin line of hair on it. Towards the latter part of his physical life, his back was bent. His heels were small and very beautiful. His walk was very brisk, he never laughed, and rather he smiled. He usually wore a turban and a colourful Kurta, white Naqshbandi pants, a loose hat and sometimes a long Kurta. He wore a shawl around his neck, which took the form of the Laam Alif. He usually wore a white shawl.

Education: When he was two and a half years old, his beloved father passed away. It is for this reason, that he attained all his education under

the care of Hazrat Sayyid Shah Aale Rasool Marehrwi ﷺ. Hazrat Aale Rasool ﷺ taught him his first sabaq (lesson), embraced him, gave him Duas, and then enrolled him into the Farsi (Persian) class. He studied, Persian, Arabic, Fiqh, Tafseer, Hadith, Logistics and numerous other subjects, and received proficiency in every one of them. He studied under many great teachers and even if someone taught him a single thing, he respected that person as his teacher.

Some of his teachers were: Hazrat Mianji Rahmatullah Saahib, Hazrat Jamaal Roshan Saahib, Hazrat Abdullah Saahib, Hazrat Sher Baaz Khan Marehrwi, Hazrat Ashraf Ali Marehrwi, Hazrat Amaanat Ali Marehrwi, Hazrat Imam Bakhsh Marehrwi, Hazrat Sayyid Aulaad Ali Marehrwi, Hazrat Ahmed Khan, Hazrat Molvi Muhammad Sa'eed Uthmani Badayouni, Hazrat Ilahi Khair Marehrwi, Hazrat Haafiz Abdul Kareem Punjabi, Hazrat Haafiz Qaari Muhammad Fayaaz Rampuri, Hazrat Molvi Fazlullah Jalesri, Hazrat Maulana Noor Ahmed Uthmani, Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Hassan Khan Uthmani Bareilvi, Hazrat Hakeem Muhammad Sa'eed bin Hakeem Imdad Hussain Marehrwi, Hazrat Molvi Hidaayat Ali Bareilvi, Hazrat Molvi Muhammad Turaab Ali Marehrwi, Hazrat Molvi Muhammad Hussain Shah Walayati, Hazrat Molvi Muhammad Hussain Bukhari Kashmeeri, Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Abdul Qaadir Uthmani Badayouni (ridwaanullahi ta'aala alaihim ajmaeen).

Hazrat attained Ruhani (mystical) knowledge through the following great personalities: Hazrat Sayyid Ghulam Muhiyudeen, Hazrat Mufti Sayyid Ainul Hassan Bilgiraami, Hazrat Shah Shamsul Haq Tinka Shah, Hazrat Molvi Ahmad Hassan Muradabadi and Hazrat Haafiz Shah Ali Hussain Muradabadi (ridwaanullahi ta'aala alaihim ajmaeen).

Shaykh-E-Tariqat: He is the Mureed and Khalifa of Hazrat Sayyid Shah Aale Rasool Marehrwi ﷺ.

His Excellence : Hazrat Sarkaar Noori Mia رحمۃ اللہ علیہ is a very great Aalim Faadhil, Saint and Sufi. A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza Khan رحمۃ اللہ علیہ says the following stanza in his praise:

*‘Bartar Qiyaas se he Maqaam-e-Abul Hussain
Sidra se Poocho Rifat-e-Baam-e-Abul Hussain’*

He was blessed with many mureeds who loved and honoured him. Before preparing a person spiritually, he first prepared him in Aqida. He first made sure that the person who wished to be trained knew the proper Aqida of the Ahle Sunnat Wa Jama'at. He wrote books against the bud Mazhabs (misled and corrupt sects) such as the shias etc. He was only seven years old, when Hazrat Aale Rasool Marehrwi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ started to train him spiritually. He kept fast from the age of seven and for eighteen years, he remained in the Zikr of Allah. He was very firm on the Shariah and this can be seen from his writings. Like the rest of his family, he was also a great Imam of Tasawwuf. From childhood, Hazrat Aale Rasool رحمۃ اللہ علیہ set him on the path of Tasawwuf and Hazrat's wife would always ask Hazrat to go easy on him. Hazrat Aale Rasool رحمۃ اللہ علیہ would then say, *‘Let him be. What need does he have for comfort and relaxation? He is something else, and he is to become something else. He is one of the Qutbs from the seven Qutbs whom Hazrat Bu Ali Shah Qalandar and Hazrat Shah Badiudeen (radi Allahu anhum) informed us, and he is the seal of this chain of Qutbs.’* [Tazkira-e-Noori pg 55/56]

Spiritual Blessings : Hazrat Noorul Aarifeen رحمۃ اللہ علیہ attained spiritual blessings through the following Ambia-e-Kiraam:

The Beloved Rasool صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. He embraced and shook the blessed hands of the Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. He attained spiritual blessings from Hazrat Moosa علیہ السلام, Hazrat Esa علیہ السلام and Hazrat Sulaiman علیہ السلام

He attained blessings from the following Awliyah Izaam :

Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam Jilani رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

Hazrat Khaja-e-Khajegaan Khaja Mu'eenudeen Chishti رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

Hazrat Zunoon Misri رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

Hazrat Khaja Uthman Haarooni رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

He also made Ziyaarat of all the Awliyah Allah of Marehrah Shareef

He was a very pious and patient personality. His son Hazrat Sayyid Muhiy'yudeen Jilani رحمۃ اللہ علیہ passed away as a child, but he remained patient. When he would become very ill, he never complained. All that saddened him was that he was not able to go to the Musjid in his illness. Sarkaar Noori Mia رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was also a very kind and generous personality. He never turned away any one who asked for any assistance. He always gave those in need more than they requested. He preferred old things for himself, but gave his Khaadims the best of everything. He would give his blanket, clothing, shawls etc. to those in need. He would always say that he intended to give it away, so that the person receiving it did not feel uncomfortable. He used to say, 'Keep away from a miser. The best way to do this is to ask him for some money. In this way, he will always avoid you.'

Once a person presented Hazrat Noori Mia رحمۃ اللہ علیہ with a beautiful watch. Hazrat's son preferred the watch and thought that he would take it from Hazrat a little later. When he asked for the watch in the afternoon, Hazrat said, 'I already gave the watch away. Why did you not take it when you saw that I had it with me?' He never gathered any valuables. He always distributed it amongst others.

He always hid the wrongs of those around him. He never embarrassed anyone or hurt his or her feelings. One of his Khaadims was seen taking money from Hazrat's pen case. Those who saw him informed Hazrat of

this. When Hazrat asked about the money in the box, he said that it was possible the muakils who frequent Hazrat's place must have taken the money. Hazrat said, 'I think you are probably right. I will call all the muakils together, find the thief and punish him.' The Khaadim was very afraid when he heard this, so he discreetly put the seventy rupees that he had taken, back into the pen case. He then came to Hazrat and said that the money was in the pen case. Hazrat smiled at him and said, 'Mia, it seems that the muakil got scared. It's a good thing that he returned the money, if not tonight we would have caught and punished him.' [Tazkira-e-Noori Pg.106/107]

He always showed love to those who were Sunni Sahihul Aqida. If he befriended any person, it was for the sake of Allah and His Rasool ﷺ and if he shunned anyone, it was for the sake of Allah and His Rasool ﷺ.

Love For Huzoor Ghaus-E-Azam ﷺ : He had true love for Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam Jilani ﷺ. He used to always say that the Barkaati Khandaan are very close to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ and those linked to them will never be troubled anywhere he went. He would always quote the following words of Shaykh-e-Akbar Hazrat Muhiyudeen Ibn Arabi ﷺ, '*One woman cannot be the wife of two men and one Taalib cannot be the Mureed of two persons.*'

He would say, 'The first and last stages in the path of Sulook are the Peer. Until this is not present, there is nothing. One who is shunned from one door will find that his path is closed. What shortage is there in our house, that we may have a need to go elsewhere?

Some of our own have taken Bai'at with others, and this has caused them numerous hardships, and then they say that someone has cursed them. Never! We do not even think of doing such things. What can we do? Some

of the Akaabireen of our Khandaan are so close to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ that they do not wish for any of those linked to us to be disgraced or insulted. Thus, whomsoever insults this family, he will be disgraced, since we are Qaadiri by nine generations and this honours us.

We claim that those that are linked to us, least of all will never be harmed through the hands of a Faqeer of another Khandaan, and no matter what his life may be, but towards the end of his life, he will be given the opportunity to repent, and his end will be good, for this is a very great Court.' His daily life and routine was an example of his pious predecessors. He always read Namaaz in Jama'at in the Musjid and never made Imaamat. He always made others Imam (those who were worthy of Imaamat). He spent a lot of time reading Wazifas and striving in the path of Allah (Mujaahida).

He always ate in Wudu and all those present at the time would be requested to join him during a meal. He used to eat paan. After paan, he immediately gargled his mouth. He used to also spend time reading and studying books of the pious predecessors. He always read Dalaa'il Khairaat Shareef and Hisn Hasin (Wazifa Kitaab). He ate very little food after Maghrib Salaah and would then prepare for Esha Salaah. He gave advice to those present after Namaaz-e-Esha.

Books And Treaties : The list of books written by Sarkaar Noori Mia is very lengthy. The names of a few books are being quoted for the sake of barkat: Ishtihaar-e-Noori, Tahqeeqaatut Taraweeh, Daleelul Yaqeen min Kalimaatil Aarifeen, Aqeeda Ahle Sunnat, Salaat ul Ghausia, Salaat-e-Mueeniyah, Salaat-e-Naqshbandia, Salaat-e-Saabiria and Asraar Akaabir Barkaatiyah.

Poetry : Hazrat was also a very dynamic poet and everything that he wrote, was in the love of Rasoolullah ﷺ. Some Stanzas written by him are:

*Door Ankho se he aur dil me he Jalwa Unka
Saari Dunya se NirA'la he ye pardah Unka
Dil ki Aankho se kare Koyi Nazaara Unka
Nigah deeda-e-Zaahir se he pada Unka*

*Nigaho me sub he jo parde me too he
Chupe sub Nazar se ke too roo baroo he
Khudi ka jo pardah Uthe to bataa de
Na hum aur kuch he na kuch aur tum he*

His Karaamats : Hazrat Sarkaar Noori Mia ﷺ was definitely a Saahib-e-Karaamat. His greatest Karaamat was without doubt, his firmness on the Shariah. Hazrat Saahibzaada Sayyid Hussain Haydar and Saahibzaada Hakeem Sayyid Aale Hussain heard the following narration from Doctor Muhammad Naasir Khan Marehrwi: Once a man came to the doctor who was in Eta and asked him to do a house call as one of his relatives was very ill. He even paid the fee in advance. The doctor then went with him to visit the patient. After a while, the man took Doctor Naasir towards a river that was in a very secluded area. The man gave a sign and the Doctor found himself surrounded by bandits. A group of bandits were aware that he had a large sum of money with him, and thus tricked him. They took all his money and belongings and then intended to kill him and throw him into the river. The Doctor did not know what to do. All he could think of was Hazrat Noori Mia ﷺ. He said, 'For Allah! Assist me and protect your disciple from these bandits.' He then turned and saw that Hazrat was walking towards the bandits. He asked the doctor not to fear as he was now there. When the bandits saw Hazrat, they fled into the jungle. The

Doctor says that Hazrat then asked him to follow him home. They took just a few steps and the Doctor found that he was already home. The next morning when he went to meet Hazrat, Sarkaar Noori Mia said, ‘Alhumdulillah the end result was good. Do not be uncomfortable and that which you have witnessed, should not be mentioned to anyone.’ *(This was only mentioned after Hazrat’s wisaal)*

Ajmer Shareef: Maulana Ghulam Shabar Badayouni narrates the following incident in Tazkira-e-Noori: Hazrat took a group of his mureeds with him to Ajmer Shareef for the Urs of Sultaanul Hind Hazrat Khaja Ghareeb Nawaaz رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. On the fifth of Rajab, Hazrat said, ‘I have been authorized from Hazrat Khaja Ghareeb Nawaaz رحمۃ اللہ علیہ that all those of you with me may present your special requests in writing to me and I shall arrange for your requests to be sent to Hazrat Khaja Ghareeb Nawaaz رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and you will be given the appropriate command as per your request.’ One of the Khaadims’ asked how the requests would reach Sultaanul Hind, and Hazrat Noori Mia رحمۃ اللہ علیہ informed him that there were Jins that were appointed to do certain chores at the Darbaar. Hazrat then gave all the written requests to Hafiz Nazrullah Saahib Badayouni and said, ‘Go to the eastern and southern corner of the Mazaar, where there is a well. There, a person will ask for the letters. Present it to him and leave.’ The Khaadim who had asked Hazrat about the letters was curious and he felt that if he followed the Haafiz Saahib, he would have the opportunity to see one of the special Khaadims of Hazrat Khaja Ghareeb Nawaaz رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. He thus followed the Haafiz Saahib very closely, but when he came close to the well, a huge crowd of people caused him to lose sight of the Haafiz Saahib for a few moments. He then rushed forward and saw the Haafiz Saahib returning without any letters in his hand. The Khaadim asked about the letters and the Haafiz Saahib said, ‘Do not joke with me. Just a little while ago you came to me and said that Hazrat had asked for the letters, so I handed them over to you.’ When the Khaadim heard this, he was astonished. They returned to

Hazrat Noori Mia رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and Haafiz Nazrullah explained what had happened to him. Hazrat then asked the Khaadim if he had gone along with Haafiz Nazrullah, and he acknowledged that he had. Hazrat said, *'Then whatever happened was due to you. Tell me, what was your intention?'* The Khaadim explained his intention. Hazrat Sarkaar Noori Mia رحمۃ اللہ علیہ then said, *'It is the great blessing of Sultaanul Hind Khaja Ghareeb Nawaaz upon this Faqeer. There are many Faqeers like me who come here and take their annual orders, but Alhumdulillah, a few of us are blessed with this unique permission, that we present the requests of our disciples to Hazrat.'* After three days, all those who wrote requests had them returned, with their orders written on the requests.

Marriage : He married the daughter of his uncle Hazrat Chotoo Mia رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. After her demise, he married the daughter of Hazrat Sayyid Muhammad Haydar. She was the granddaughter of Hazrat Sayyiduna Aale Rasool ﷺ. Hazrat had no children.

Khulafa : Some of Hazrat Sarkaar Noori Mia's رحمۃ اللہ علیہ Khulafa are: Mujaddid-e-Azam Sarkaar A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmed Raza Khan, Hazrat Shah Mahdi Hassan, Hazrat Sayyid Shah Zahoor Haydar, Hazrat Haji Sayyid Shah Hassan, Hazrat Sayyid Ibn Hassan, Hazrat Haji Sayyid Shah Isma'eel Hassan, Hazrat Sayyid Shah Irtida Hussain Peer Mia, Hazrat Sayyid Muhammad Ayub Hassan, Hazrat Nawaab Mu'eenudeen Khan, Hazrat Sayyid Ishaaq Hassan, Hazrat Sayyid Iqbal Hassan, Hazrat Sayyid Fazal Hussain, Hazrat Hakeem Sayyid Aal-e-Hassan, Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ata'ullah Khan, Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Jameeludeen, Hazrat Maulana Hakeem Muhammad Abdul Qayoom, Hazrat Maulana Qaazi Musheerul Islam Abbasi, Hazrat Maulana Ghulam Hussain, Hazrat Muhammad Jafar Khan Aarif Shah, Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Taahirudeen, Hazrat Maulana Mushtaq Ahmed, Hazrat Sikandar Shah Khan, Hazrat Hakeem Inaayatullah Bareilvi, Hazrat Sayyid Muhammad Ibraheem Mia, Hazrat Shah Husaamul Haq, Hazrat Qaazi Hassan Shah, Hazrat Mia Muhammad

Ramadaan Shah, Hazrat Maulana Bukhari, Hazrat Mulla Tufail Muhammad, Hazrat Haji Sayyid Muhammad Ali Naqwi, Hazrat Haji Maulana Ataa Muhammad, Hazrat Haafiz Muhammad Siraajudeen, Hazrat Shah Talqeen Shah, Hazrat Maulana Sayyid Muhammad Nazeer, Hazrat Muhammad Abdul Ghani, Hazrat Mufti Azeezul Hassan, Hazrat Sayyid Shah Fakhr A'lam, Hazrat Mulla Sayyid Ahmed Shah, Hazrat Nawaab Sayyid Yahya Hassan Khan, Hazrat Maulana Shah Haafiz Muhammad Umar, Huzoor Sayyidi wa Murshidi Taqjedar-e-Ahle Sunnat Qutb-e-A'lam Ghausul Waqt Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind Ash Shah Imam Mustafa Raza Khan Qaadiri Bareilvi, Hazrat Ameenudeen, Hazrat Shaykh Ashraf Ali, Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Aadil, Hazrat Shah Abdul Aziz, Shaykh Karaamat Hussain, Hazrat Sayyid Ahmed Hussain, Hazrat Nawaab Rustum Ali Khan, Hazrat Maulana Abdur Rahmaan Delhwi, Hazrat Maulana Haafiz Muhammad Ameer, Mufti Muhammad Hassan Khan, Hazrat Haji Sayyid Abdullah, Mufti Ahmed Hassan Khan, Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Siddique, Hazrat Maulana Siraajul Haq, Hazrat Maulana Riyaazul Islam, Hazrat Maulana Ghulam Qaneer, Hazrat Maulana Haafiz Ijaz Ahmed, Hazrat Maulana Abdul Hai Saahib, Hazrat Maulana Ataa Ahmed, Hazrat Maulana Ghulaam Sadaat, Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Noorudeen, Hazrat Kifaayatullah Khan, Hazrat Maulana Mufti Azeezul Hassan Bareilvi, Hazrat Maulana Mufti Badrul Hassan, Hazrat Maulana Ghulam Shabar Badayouni, Hazrat Meer Shah Aligarhi and Hazrat Ameenudeen Khan Meerati (ridwaanullahi ta'aala alaihim ajmaeen).

Gems Of Wisdom :

1. Stay away from a miserly person
2. Stay away from budmazhabs as this courses weakness in faith
3. To eat meat continuously for forty days causes hardness of the heart
4. He says that there are ten things that a person must do to attain true

fear of Allah:

- a. Keep the tongue in control
- b. Stay away from backbiting
- c. Do not look down on anyone;
- d. Do not look at strange women;
- e. Always speak that which is true and just;
- f. Always acknowledge the Grace and Bounties of Allah;
- g. Spend your wealth and your belongings in the path of Allah;
- h. Do not only wish good for yourself;
- i. Be punctual in your five daily Namaaz;
- j. Respect the Sunnat of the Prophet ﷺ and the consensus of the Believers (which is righteous).

Wisaal : He passed from this world on the 11th of Rajab 1334 Hijri (31st August 1906)

Mazaar Shareef : His Mazaar Shareef is in Marehrah Shareef (India).